

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

What does this appropriation support?

It provides payments for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for Medicaid recipients who do not have access to free transportation (can transport themselves or can use free community resources or other free programs) to scheduled Medicaid-covered services. The recipient is to be provided with the most appropriate mode of transportation. The program is currently provided as an administrative cost program rather than a medical service program. DMS is in the process of making substantial changes to this contract that will allow moving from an administrative claiming to a service match.

What is its statutory authority?

State statute: RSMo. 208.152, Federal regulation: 42 CFR 431.53 and 440.170

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, state Medicaid programs must assure availability of medically necessary transportation.

Are there federal matching requirements?

Medicaid administrative expenditures earn a 50% federal match. For every dollar spent, DSS can earn \$0.50 in federal funding. States can earn the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) on Medicaid program expenditures. The Social Security Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to calculate and publish the actual FMAP each year. The FMAP is calculated using economic indicators from states and the nation as a whole. Generally, Missouri's FMAP for FY-2006 is a blended 61.74% federal match. The state matching requirement is 38.26%. For those public entities identified above who use state and local general revenue to transport Medicaid eligible individuals, DMS provides payment of the federal share for these services at a 50% federal match.

What are the expenditures?

Below represents the actual/projected expenditures for the NEMT appropriation.

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Planned
GR	\$0	\$7,762,000	\$12,776,589	\$11,254,770
FEDERAL	\$0	\$11,441,165	\$15,176,589	\$18,371,370
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$19,203,165	\$27,953,178	\$29,626,140

Expenditures shown below are reflective of total NEMT spending, regardless of the funding source.

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Planned
GR	\$11,426,971	\$13,121,367	\$13,561,481	\$18,543,342
FEDERAL	\$17,033,729	\$17,924,906	\$22,632,400	\$23,057,677
OTHER	\$0	\$1,835,659	\$5,437,196	\$0
TOTAL	\$28,460,700	\$32,881,932	\$41,631,077	\$41,601,019

What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable.

Who is eligible?

NEMT is available to all Medicaid eligibles except SCHIP, 1115 adults or General Relief. NEMT is included in MC+ managed care health benefits.

How many people have been served?

Average Monthly NEMT Users		
FY	Actual	Projected
2002	8,708	
2003	10,153	
2004	12,074	
2005		14,223
2006		16,755
2007		19,737

Number of Trips		
FY	Actual	Projected
2002	568,736	
2003	638,406	
2004	784,177	
2005		921,408
2006		1,082,654
2007		1,272,119